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Larry W. Camper, Director
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Dear: Mr. Camper:

This letter is in regards to the Powertech (USA) Inc. Dewey Burdock In-Situ Recovery (ISR) Project Plan of Operations package submittal. Powertech (USA) Inc. formally submitted the Dewey Burdock ISR Project Plan of Operations to the South Dakota Field Office on October 23, 2009.

In accordance with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission-Bureau of Land Management Memorandum of Understanding, I would like to clarify the cooperating agency status between the NRC and the BLM, and how it applies to the lead agency role. In evaluating the Dewey Burdock project through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review, the NRC will be the lead agency, with the BLM submitting comments to the NRC for respective input into the NEPA approval document.

The BLM is requesting, in the spirit of cooperation, that the South Dakota Field Office individual specialists be consulted for their expertise and local area knowledge regarding the proposed Dewey Burdock Project.

Please contact me at 605-892-7001 with any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

Marian M. Atkins
South Dakota Field Manager
Bureau of Land Management

cc: Richard Blubaugh